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1. Agency STATE
 Component/location EMBASSY PARIS
 Purpose or principal activity (military planning, foreign aid, briefing, research, etc.) POLITICAL SECTION
 Your position (job title) SECOND SECRETARY
 Your fields of responsibility (geographic area and/or specialty) GERMANY, MEDITERRANEAN, INTERNAL POLITICS
2. Is the NIS Production Status Report available for your use? ☒ Yes ☐ No
 Do you regularly use it? ☐ Yes ☒ No
3. Receipt of NIS units is:
☒ Regular and systematic ☐ Irregular, with some gaps ☐ Sporadic and uncertain

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4. Below is a list of available NIS publications.

a) Indicate in column I the frequency of use by means of the following symbols:

A=Regularly

B=Occasionally

C=Rarely

D=Never

b) Indicate in column II your use, according to the following symbols (multiple uses may be indicated):

1=Planning and operations

2=Research, analysis, and production

3=Briefings

4=General background and orientation

5=Other (specify) _____

| Col. I | Col. II | | Col. I | Col. II | |
|-----------|------------|---|-----------|--------------|---|
| <u>B</u> | <u>2 4</u> | General Survey (check sections used most frequently) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chronology <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduction <input type="checkbox"/> Geography <input type="checkbox"/> Transp. and Telecom. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sociological <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political <input type="checkbox"/> Economic <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific <input type="checkbox"/> Armed Forces <input type="checkbox"/> Area Brief <input type="checkbox"/> Summary Map | <u>D</u> | | Telecommunications |
| | | | <u>C</u> | <u>2 3 4</u> | Population |
| | | | <u>B</u> | <u>3 4</u> | Characteristics of the People |
| | | | <u>C</u> | <u>3 4</u> | Religion, Education, and Public Information |
| | | | <u>C</u> | <u>3</u> | Manpower |
| <u>B</u> | <u>2 4</u> | Basic Intelligence Factbook | <u>D</u> | | Health and Sanitation |
| <u>D</u> | | Coasts and Landing Beaches | <u>C</u> | <u>2 3 4</u> | Intelligence and Security |
| <u>D</u> | | Weather and Climate | <u>C</u> | <u>2 3 4</u> | Subversion and Insurgency |
| <u>D</u> | | Meteorological Organization and Facilities | <u>D</u> | | Agriculture, Fisheries, and Forestry |
| <u>D</u> | | Topography | <u>D</u> | | Fuels |
| <u>D</u> | | Urban Areas | <u>D</u> | | Electric Power |
| <u>D</u> | | Railroads | <u>D</u> | | Minerals and Metals |
| <u>D</u> | | Highways | <u>D</u> | | Manufacturing and Construction |
| <u>D</u> | | Inland Waterways | <u>D</u> | | Trade and Finance |
| <u>D</u> | | Ports and Naval Facilities | <u>D</u> | | Armed Forces |
| <u>D</u> | | Merchant Marine | <u>D</u> | | Marine Climate |
| <u>D</u> | | Civil Air | <u>D</u> | | Oceanography |

5. In general, do you consider yourself:

- a. Regular user of NIS publications
☒ b. Infrequent user

6. If you checked 5,a, above, which of the following best describes NIS usefulness:
(If more than one applies, indicate rank by using 1 for highest.)

- Principal source of information
— Secondary source
1 Supplies information in a conveniently assembled form not otherwise available
2 Supplies corroborative information
— Other (specify) _____

7. If you checked 5,b, above, which of the following best describes your reasons for only infrequent use:
(If more than one applies, indicate rank by using 1 for highest.)

- Not readily available
2 Not sufficiently current
— Too summarized and generalized
1 Too detailed
— Only marginally related to my needs
— Needs filled by other publications (specify) _____

— NIS of value only in conjunction with other publications (specify) _____

— Other (specify) _____

8. Has the NIS been consulted for crisis situations, crash projects, or emergency planning?

- ☒ Yes — No Why? _____

If you checked "Yes" above, how useful was it under these circumstances?

- Excellent ☒ Good — Adequate — Marginal

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9. With reference to the NIS publications listed in 4, above, what are the major shortcomings you have found in the NIS? (Please relate these to your own needs, considering adequacy of coverage, reliability of content, currency, length and detail of presentation, and security classification.) Most NIS material is too detailed and specific for day-to-day use in the Political Section. It also becomes dated very quickly on subjects of current political interest. However, the availability of the NIS is extremely useful when information is needed in a hurry or when one wants a handy introduction to the history and problems of some aspect of French life. Similarly, having the NIS material on other countries, particularly the Soviet Bloc, has been of real help from time to time.

(answer may be continued on the reverse)

10. What specific suggestions can you make for improving the content (including graphics), coverage, organization, and format of NIS units? _____

No problems here. Coverage, organization and format are well-designed for the purpose of the NIS.

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Signature (optional)